

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006. Claims 11-17 have been canceled without prejudice to resubmission. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-10 and 18-19 will be pending in the application. Claims 3 and 18-19 have been amended. Claim 3 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error by inserting a space between the reference numerals "14" and "15" in line 2 of the claim. The amendments to claims 18-19 are discussed in detail below.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made and the remarks made below.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-10 are allowable is acknowledged with appreciation. In addition, the Examiner's indication that claims 18-19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and the claim objections, is acknowledged with appreciation.

2. Claim Objections

Claim 18 has been objected to on the basis that a word appeared to be missing from the claim. The Examiner suggested addition of the word, "program" to the claim and the applicant has adopted this suggestion in order to obviate the objection to claim 18.

Claim 19 has been objected to on the basis that the reference to "a user interface" on lines 6-7 should be a reference to "the (or said) user interface" previously mentioned in claim 19. Claim 19 has been amended to refer to "the user interface" at this location in order to obviate this objection and correct this minor typographical error.

3. The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

The Office Action states that the references to "the user interface" in line 4 of claim 18 and line 3 of claim 19, do not have antecedent basis in these claims. Each of these references has been amended to read, "a user interface" in order to obviate this rejection.

The Office Action states that claim 19 recites, “[a] computer program” that “can be loaded onto a computer...and comprising an input device...” The Examiner objects to this phraseology on the basis that it appears to require that the computer program comprise an input device. Line 2 of claim 19 has been amended to insert the phrase, “, the computer being” in order to clarify that the computer comprises the input device. It is considered that this amendment overcomes the rejection.

The Office Action also states that the reference to, “the application” in line 5 of claim 19 is unclear since two different applications are introduced previously in claim 19, at lines 3 and 4. In order to overcome this objection, “the application” has been amended to “an application” at line 5 of claim 19 to correct a minor typographical error. It is the intention that the server is characterized by comprising means, in general, for running an application, without referring to any specific or particular application previously mentioned in the claim.

Accordingly, favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, in view of the amendments, is requested.

4. The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 11-14 and 16-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,793,368 to Beer (hereinafter “Beer”). Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, claims 11-14 and 16-17 have been cancelled without prejudice to resubmission in order to obviate this rejection and expedite allowance of the present application.

Accordingly, favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the cancellation of claims 11-14 and 16-17 is requested.

5. The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beer. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice to resubmission in order to obviate this rejection and expedite allowance of the present application.

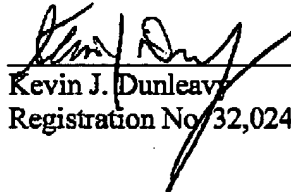
Accordingly, favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the cancellation of claim 15 is requested.

6. Conclusion

The Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 215-599-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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